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1. PRESS PLAY DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY MARCH 17 WITH THE JUDICIAL PRINCIPALS HAVING LITTLE NEW TO SAY. SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE LIBEDINSKY TOLD NEWSMEN MARCH 16 THAT HE IS STILL HOPEFUL OF BEING ABLE TO RECOVER THE TWO OFFICIAL PASSPORTS WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL USED TO ENTER THE U.S.

2. "EL MERCURIO" OF THIS MORNING CARRIES AN EDITORIAL GIVING THE GOC HIGH MARKS FOR ITS COOPERATION WITH THE LETELIER INVESTIGATIONS. AS PROOF OF THE GOVERNMENT'S GOOD INTENTIONS IT CITES THE ABILITY OF THE LOCAL PRESS TO PRINT ALL SORTS OF RUMORS AND STORIES (SOME POLITICALLY INSPIRED) ORIGINATING OUTSIDE CHILE. THE EDITORIAL NOTES THAT THERE MAY BE REASONS APART FROM THE LETELIER ASSASSINATION WHY "WILLIAMS" AND "ROMERAL" TRAVELED TO
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THE US, THAT THE PHOTOS THAT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED MAY NOT, IN FACT, CORRESPOND TO THOSE WHO ACTUALLY TRAVELED, AND THAT THERE MAY BE VALID REASONS OF PERSONAL SAFETY FOR NOT PUBLICALLY REVEALING THEIR IDENTITIES. NEVERTHELESS, CONCLUDES "EL MERCURIO", IT IS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE LETTERS ROGATORY REQUEST: "ONLY THE TRUTH CAN PUT AN END TO THE PRESENT PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY AND

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